**The Creation of the United Nations**

At the end of **World War II,** world leaders wanted to prevent another global war. They also wanted to prevent terrible crimes against **human rights** like the **Holocaust** from ever happening again.

Soon after the war ended, **delegates** representing many of the world’s countries went to a meeting in San Francisco. They wanted the countries of the world to agree to work together to make this happen. They decided that they would create a global **organization** where all of the countries of the world could talk about **global** problems and work together to prevent future crimes against **human rights**.

At this meeting in San Francisco, the delegates started to write a **document** that explained the goals of the **organization** and how it would be set up. This document is called the **UN Charter.**

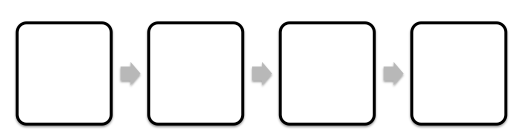
Finally, October 24, 1945, 50 countries signed the **UN Charter.** The charter is a document with many sections. The first section, called the preamble explains why the United Nations was created and its goals.

At this same meeting, delegates decided that the headquarters of the United Nations would be in New York City. They decided that the leader of the UN would be called the **Secretary General.** The **Secretary General** would be the **spokesman** on the **United Nations.**

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**Questions:**

1. *Where is the United Nations headquarters located?* 
   1. *Germany*
   2. *San Francisco*
   3. *New York*
2. *What do you think were the three most significant events in the creation of the UN?*

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***THE PREAMBLE OF THE UN CHARTER***

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| ***The Original Text*** | | ***In Your Words*** | |
| **We the people of the United Nations determined,** | | | |
| **Goal One** | **To save *succeeding generations* [[1]](#footnote-1)from the *scourge*[[2]](#footnote-2) of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought *untold* [[3]](#footnote-3) sorrow to mankind, and** | | *In order to prevent the world from…* | |
| **Goal Two** | **To reaffirm [[4]](#footnote-4)faith in *fundamental* [[5]](#footnote-5) human rights, in the *dignity and worth*[[6]](#footnote-6) of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and** | *To….* | |
| **Goal Three** | **To *establish*[[7]](#footnote-7) conditions under which justice and *respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained*[[8]](#footnote-8), and** | *To create a world in which….* | |
| **Goal Four** | **To promote *social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom*[[9]](#footnote-9)** | *To make it so all people can …* | |
| ***Accordingly*[[10]](#footnote-10), our respective Governments, through *representatives*[[11]](#footnote-11) assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do *hereby establish*[[12]](#footnote-12)an *international* [[13]](#footnote-13)organization to be known as the United Nations.** | | *With power given to us by our country’s governments, here in San Francisco, we the delegates agree to…* | |

1. Future people [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Terrible crimes [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. a lot [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. promise again [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. most important [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. respect and value [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. create [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. to keep the agreements between countries [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. better lives for all people [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. to achieve these goals [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. spokesmen [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. create [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. global [↑](#footnote-ref-13)